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CLASS OF 1904 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Class of 1904 observed its twenty-fifth anniversary on June 10, 1929. We met at the School about 11 o'clock and after a sufficient number had gathered (about 40 in all) we adjourned to the Amphitheatre in Building C. Brief talks were given by Dr. F. E. Clow of Wolfeboro, N. H., Dr. Edwin H. Place of the South Department, Boston City Hospital, and Dr. George H. Wright of Boston, whose dental training began with our class and whose researches along lines which have developed a closer inter-relationship between physician and dentist are well known. As a fitting climax we were given a most inspiring and interesting talk by Professor W. B. Cannon, who told us of his researches on the effects of removal of the sympathetic nervous system in animals.

At 1 o'clock we adjourned to the Dormitory where luncheon was served and during and after which time the class had an opportunity to wander through and inspect the building. Many had not

seen it before and all were unanimous in their admiration and in their conviction that this building, with the contacts which it brings about between student and teacher will help to create a spirit of loyalty to and an affection for the School which never before existed.

About 2:30 we motored to the Brookline Country Club, where we indulged in a little "soft" baseball, walked around the club's beautiful estate and swapped yarns on the piazza.

At 7 we assembled for dinner at the Harvard Club, where, after the usual preliminaries were gone through with, we sat down to dinner. Fifty of the class were there, together with our four invited guests: Drs. W. T. Councilman, C. A. Porter, Richard C. Cabot, G. B. Magrath. These gentlemen, after a rousing welcome, were each called upon for a brief speech. The idea of having these former teachers, all of whom were very closely associated with our early medical training was a brilliant one.

Our classmate, William C. Woodward, of Seattle was perhaps the most conspicuous man, not only because of the long distance which he had travelled to attend the reunion, but also because of his consummate art in telling an apparently unlimited number of amusing stories. Certain other classmates were called upon for a speech or a story.

The most important feature of the evening was the narrative of the history of the fund which we have raised to give to the Medical School. We started this campaign ten years ago and during these years the money which we accumulated was augmented very appreciably not only by the ever-accreting interest, but also by the business acumen of our treasurer, Dr. Walter G. Phippen of Salem. The introductory remarks in our Class Report, which will be found on another page of this number, will tell the details, and the letter to the acting Dean of the school, Dr. Cannon, explains

the machinery by which our gift was put into the hands of the Treasurer of Harvard College.

There was not a dissenting voice when the proposed disposition of our money was announced; in fact the motion which was made by one of the men, that the class express itself as approving of this plan was unanimously carried.

Great stress was laid on the fact that this gift is unique in that no other class has ever taken such a step, and also that it forms the nucleus for a fund, the size of which is to increase year by year by gifts from other classes, and the income of which is to be free from all restrictions. We are confident that the example we have set will be followed by other classes, and that it is quite in line with the change in attitude of all students toward the school.

Before adjourning it was voted to hold meetings every five years.

CORRESPONDENCE

June 11, 1929.

Dr. Walter B. Cannon,
Acting Dean,
Harvard Medical School,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Cannon:

Ten years ago the Class of 1904 of the Harvard Medical School formulated plans for raising a sum of money to be given to the School on its twenty-fifth anniversary.

We have succeeded in collecting this money and take pleasure in enclosing herewith a check for \$7,000 payable to the Treasurer of Harvard College.

It is our wish and intention that this gift be regarded as the nucleus of a Medical Alumni Fund, to be added to, we hope, by succeeding classes on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversaries. We give this money to the Medical School with the proviso that while the principal is to be forever kept intact, the interest may be used for any purpose desired by the Administrative Board. Should there be unexpended interest we desire that it be added to the principal.

In the hope that this gift will be accept-

able under the conditions outlined above, I am,

Very truly yours,
J. DELLINGER BARNEY,
President, Class of 1904.

June 12, 1929.

J. Dellinger Barney, M.D.,
87 Marlboro Street,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Barney:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a cheque for \$7,000, which the Class of 1904 has generously contributed to the General Funds of the Medical School.

Let me express the very cordial appreciation of the Medical School for this evidence of interest and loyalty on the part of your class.

Your hope that it may set a precedent for the action of succeeding classes is likewise appreciated. There is always excellent use to be made of funds contributed to medical research and education, and I feel sure that the members of the Class of 1904 fully real-

ized this fact when they contributed to the activities of their alma mater.

You may be sure that the funds will be used strictly in accordance with the conditions expressed in your letter.

Again let me thank you.

Yours sincerely,
WALTER B. CANNON, M.D.
Acting Dean.

HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 1904

FOREWORD

The Class of 1904 of the Harvard Medical School celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary on June 10, 1929. It has held reunions ever since its graduation on the third, sixth, tenth, fifteenth and twentieth anniversaries, following the custom of college classes. At all of these reunions there has been a spirit of enthusiasm, loyalty and good fellowship, rather more in evidence as the years rolled past than in the early years. This is gratifying but natural. What body of men, trained together as we were, working as we have done during all these years, toward a common goal, would not find the ties which bind them getting closer as they grew older? We are now at the top of the curve, physically, intellectually, professionally. It is a serious moment in our lives; one which will never come again.

Assembling in 1900, the last class which could enter the Medical School without a college education, it was one of the largest classes ever entering. It numbered about 250 men. Some were mere boys fresh from a high school, most had been through college. But the pitfalls were many and the class dwindled from one cause or another until at our graduation in 1904 only about 140 men received their degrees. Since this time the numbers have been thinned until now we can account for but 115 men who are known to be living. A few left medicine for commercial pursuits, soon after graduation; a few others never attempted to practise but went into one or another variety of research directly or indirectly connected with a medical training; one or two have already retired either from affluence or from lack of interest in the profession. Death has decimated our ranks more than any other cause and it is with sorrow that we record the names of 25 men who have died by accident or disease. It seems only right to call attention to the fact that our dearly beloved "Pete" Howe was killed in the Great War, the only one to fall, although nearly fifty classmates were enlisted in the Army or Navy.

Our Class has distributed itself around rather widely. Ninety-one men are living in New England, 78 being in Massachusetts and 57 of these in so-called "Greater Boston"; there are four each in New Hampshire and Rhode Island, three in Maine, one in Vermont, and one in Connecticut. New York claims five men, Michigan, Washington, Ohio and Pennsylvania each two, and there is one of our classmates in California.

California, Oregon, New Jersey, Illinois and Minnesota. One man now lives in the Philippines and one is in the Navy.

Sixty-two are doing what one may term a "general practice" either in a country town, where this is literally true, or in a small city where there is a tendency to cling as closely as circumstances will permit to general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics or some other special line of work. Forty men are what one may call "specialists" in urology, surgery, medicine, otolaryngology, ophthalmology, gynecology and obstetrics, pediatrics, public health work or laboratory research. One man is an ornithologist and naturalist of international reputation.

Many of our Class, especially those in the medical centers, devote a large part of their time to teaching, holding positions from full professor down to an assistantship. These and others are chiefs of their departments in the larger hospitals. A majority of the men have contributed freely and frequently to medical literature. Altogether our record is one of which we may all be proud.

In our Quindecennial Report of 1919 we said. "There is no Class Fund. Do we want one? Before long we shall have been graduated twenty-five years, a time when we shall be at the zenith of our earning capacity, when the various 'drives' connected with the war will be over and when we shall have a little to spare. Shall we follow the custom of most Harvard classes (not those of the Medical School so far as we are aware) and give a sum of money to the School for the support of some appropriate cause? It is a little early to consider this move, but such a project is worthy of discussion and contemplation."

The subject was discussed at our dinner in 1919 and so great was the enthusiasm that over \$1,000 was collected there and then. In 1924 our Treasurer reported that he had collected over \$3,500. A glance at the financial statement on another page of this report will show that our campaign committee has not been idle and that we have already raised a very creditable sum of money. And the end is not yet, for we hope before long to bring the total amount to an even higher figure.

The plan proposed in 1919 was that each man should give \$100 either outright, or in installments of \$10 per year for the next ten years. Several paid the full amount at

trebled it; others have been paying on the installment plan. In no case has a hardship been worked.

After conferences with President Lowell and Dean Edsall and discussion among themselves, the Committee came to the conclusion that the best disposition of our money would be to give it to the Medical School as the nucleus for an Alumni Fund, similar to that which exists at the University. While the principal is to remain intact, the interest can be used for any purpose desired by the Administration. The interest on the sum which we shall present to the School is indeed small, but we strongly hope and firmly believe that succeeding classes, on their twenty-fifth anniversaries, will each add their gift to such a fund, so that as the years go by there will be an accumulation, the interest of which will be of notable size. We take satisfaction in such a disposition of our money for we feel it will lay the foundation for a permanent and ever-increasing revenue to the School, especially valuable because of the fact that it is unrestricted in every direction.

We also take pleasure in the realization that, so far as we know, we are the first class to have inaugurated the idea of an Alumni Fund and that we have set an example for other classes.

Many changes in personnel, policy and buildings have taken place at the School since our graduation. The splendid structures which were dedicated at that time have since been surrounded by hospitals and laboratories until now we have one of the largest and most complete medical centers in the world. But even this imposing collection of institutions needed something to bind its varied and varying personnel together; something to create a feeling of loyalty and an *esprit de corps* such as has never existed before. This has now been found in the New Dormitory. In this magnificent building, the only one of its kind in existence, financed by loyal graduates and by their friends, students and teaching staff meet at meals, in the library, or in the squash courts as man to man and lay the foundation for that spirit which is necessary for the growth and well being of any great enterprise. This, together with the fact that all those who have entered the School since our day have had college training makes it certain that the Harvard Medical School will always be, as indeed it always has been, looked upon as the standard for others to follow.

GERARDO M. BALBONI, HARRY LINENTHAL,
J. DELLINGER BARNEY, WALTER G. PHIPPEN,
MARSHAL FABYAN, HUGO B. C. RIEMER,
FRED L. GOOD,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE 1904 CLASS FUND*

May 28, 1929

Contributions received from 68 men	\$5,567.92
Interest and profit on Liberty Loan	545.39
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits	922.74
Interest on \$1,000 Spencer Gas Bond	300.00
	\$7,336.05
Expenses—	
Paid in small bills	\$182.00
Premium paid on Spencer Gas Bond.....	10.37
	192.37
Balance in Fund.....	\$7,143.68

*A few more contributions have been received since this date.

J. DELLINGER BARNEY,
HARRY LINENTHAL,
WALTER G. PHIPPEN,
Trustees.

June 10, 1929.

NECROLOGY

Ingersoll Amory
Daniel Edwin Bartlett
Channing Sears Bullard
John E. Connelly
Edmund Gerrish Dearborn
Edwin Lewis Drowne
William Francis Farmer
William Perry Hager
Albert William Hancock
Royal Ilath
George Plummer Howe
(killed in action)
William George Lee
Henry Nathan Longfellow
Frederick Munroe Marshall
Herman Prince Marshall
Malcolm Sawyer McLellan
Louis Nelson
Stanislaus P. O'Brien
Chandler Robbins
Edward Lawrence Salmon
Frederick Ward Seymour
Malcolm Seymour
Lee Simon Shoninger
Fred Van Magness
Willard Porter Woodbury

The Editor believes this list is correct but he would be glad if any errors of omission or commission were pointed out to him.

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Andrews has continued to do a large general practice. He is School Physician of

